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have successfully completed, others in which you have had your lunch eaten, you realize that no potential ammunition should be wasted or squandered. A bill on Final Reading could serve a very necessary and worthwhile purpose. For example, the other day Senator Coordsen had offered an amendment to a bill, LB 711, and some difficulties developed which prevented that bill from being amended with material that I think is quite essential for the welfare of our employees and in order to see that justice is done. I would hope that we not strike the enacting clause. If we don't strike it, the bill will stay on Select File. We can, at any point in the session, strike the enacting clause if we decide that's what we're going to do. But if we can pull people together, reach an accord and do that which is right, we then have a vehicle sitting right where LB 711 was at the time that we forsook it. So I'm not going to vote yes on this amendment, on this motion. I don't really see the need to strike the enacting clause at this point. If nothing can be worked out, we can strike it later. We cannot "unstrike" it. Just as words spoken cannot be unspoken, those which were not spoken in the first place do no harm. So I hope that we will not vote yes on this motion. We need this bill. Thank you, Mr. President.

PRESIDENT MAURSTAD: Thank you, Senator Chambers. (Visitors introduced.) On the motion to strike the enacting clause of LB 541A, Senator Kristensen.

SPEAKER KRISTENSEN: Thank you, Mr. President, members of the Legislature. I...the reason I rise is that, when you have an A bill that's on a budget bill that is in this position, although Senator Wehrbein and I didn't talk, the rule does say that the authorization bill shall be first considered, and then it should be passed on Final Reading; then the A bill shall be read and voted on for final passage. I suppose you could suspend the rules, and keep the bill around. It depends on what you want to keep it for. If there's a specific bill, I know Senator Wickersham has got some things that maybe need to be done. We can find some of those other bills. The proper way, I think, is to kill the A bill. If there's an amendment that you're going to use and put onto it, there's not going to be a germane amendment that you can put onto the A bill. Again, you could...I suppose you could suspend the rules, and suspend the